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By E-Mail

Ms. Kathleen B. Hogan
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Dear Ms. Hogan:

I am writing regarding your letter dated April 26, 2013, in which the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE or the Department) adopted a new policy regarding DOE ENERGY STAR verification testing of models that are part of the Association of Home Appliance Manufacturers' (AHAM) verification program for clothes washers, dishwashers, and residential refrigerator/freezers. Specifically, so long as AHAM meets several requirements, DOE plans to refrain from conducting ENERGY STAR verification testing of models that are part of the AHAM verification programs for those products.

AHAM is pleased that DOE has adopted this policy in recognition of AHAM's history of cooperation and the rigors of the AHAM verification program. AHAM acknowledges the requirements contained in the letter, which are the result of extensive discussions with the Department. We appreciate the Department's willingness to adopt this policy in recognition of AHAM's efforts and look forward to continued cooperation between AHAM and DOE, thus allowing DOE to focus its ENERGY STAR verification testing on models that are outside of the AHAM verification program.

Best Regards,

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